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*Births, infant mortality rates, and the increase or decrease in the infant mortality rates since 1919, in the registration cities: 1920—Continued.*

Area.	Births.	Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births.	Increase (+) or decrease (—) in infant mortality rate since 1919.	Area.	Births.	Deaths of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births.	Increase (+) or decrease (—) in infant mortality rate since 1919.
SOUTH CAROLINA.				WASHINGTON.			
Anderson.....	533	94	( <sup>1</sup> )	Aberdeen.....	346	55	+ 9
Charleston.....	1,558	209	+27	Bellingham.....	551	64	+19
Columbia.....	1,315	133	+15	Everett.....	562	69	- 9
Florence.....	375	179	( <sup>1</sup> )	Hoquiam.....	234	56	( <sup>1</sup> )
Greenville.....	571	109	+18	Seattle.....	6,166	57	+ 2
Spartanburg.....	557	104	-10	Spokane.....	2,446	71	+16
UTAH.				Tacoma.....	2,221	64	- 2
Ogden.....	1,114	56	-10	Vancouver.....	323	62	( <sup>1</sup> )
Provo.....	262	88	( <sup>1</sup> )	Walla Walla.....	331	82	+14
Salt Lake City.....	3,326	72	- 5	Yakima.....	660	102	+21
VERMONT.				WISCONSIN.			
Barre.....	217	60	- 6	Appleton.....	432	65	-41
Burlington.....	711	132	-16	Ashland.....	302	86	-20
Rutland.....	281	125	+22	Beloit.....	514	84	+ 2
VIRGINIA.				Eau Claire.....	627	78	.....
Alexandria.....	500	118	+41	Fond du Lac.....	571	103	-10
Charlottesville.....	285	63	( <sup>1</sup> )	Green Bay.....	891	148	+27
Danville.....	575	85	-31	Janesville.....	376	90	+10
Lynchburg.....	907	71	-22	Kenosha.....	1,047	97	+23
Newport News.....	739	131	+ 3	La Crosse.....	761	70	+ 2
Norfolk.....	2,862	100	- 8	Madison.....	832	52	-21
Petersburg.....	872	148	+12	Manitowoc.....	405	106	- 9
Portsmouth.....	1,396	102	+ 1	Marinette.....	297	77	+ 1
Richmond.....	4,197	114	+ 8	Milwaukee.....	10,525	94	- 7
Roanoke.....	1,534	100	+ 9	Oshkosh.....	681	78	+13
Staunton.....	193	119	+20	Racine.....	1,427	74	- 8
				Sheboygan.....	728	73	-14
				Stevens Point.....	326	74	( <sup>1</sup> )
				Superior.....	940	84	-15
				Waukesha.....	273	59	( <sup>1</sup> )
				Wausau.....	484	107	+28
				West Allis.....	291	103	( <sup>1</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Population less than 10,000 in 1919.

## PREVALENCE OF DIPHTHERIA IN THE UNITED STATES.

The accompanying table shows, by months, the number of cases of diphtheria reported to the State health officers during the first nine months of 1921. For comparison the median number of cases reported in each State during the last eight years is also given.

The median was ascertained by arraying the figures so that the greatest number was first, the next greatest number was second, and so on to the smallest number, which was placed last. The middle number of the array was then selected as the median.

For the first eight months of the year, the increase of 1921 over the median is 53 per cent in 42 States.

Although morbidity figures are not complete, and some increase may be accounted for by better reporting than was secured a few years ago, still the figures indicate a decided increase in the number of cases of diphtheria, especially in the North Central States.

In the table, blanks indicate that reports have not as yet been received.

*Cases of diphtheria reported to State health officers January to September, 1921, and median number of cases, 1913-1920.*

	Cases reported during—									Total.
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	
Alabama:										
1921.....	42	48	41	25	29	28	50	214	244	721
Median (7 years).....	50	34	38	28	19	19	31	65	147	434
Arizona:										
1921.....	15	7	7	5	7	2	2	5	.....	.....
Median (4 years).....	5	4	3	4	4	2	3	2	2	29
Arkansas:										
1921.....	123	67	39	24	17	18	40	78	75	481
Median (4 years).....	23	21	17	13	12	5	4	18	50	163
California:										
1921.....	593	518	675	615	576	661	398	592	.....	.....
Median (8 years).....	324	272	257	240	259	220	176	168	170	2,086
Colorado:										
1921.....	232	138	141	113	214	160	143	188	.....	.....
Median (6 years).....	41	31	48	52	45	40	45	40	65	407
Connecticut:										
1921.....	430	387	294	197	174	204	146	153	226	2,211
Median (8 years).....	289	205	194	179	168	146	133	105	174	1,593
Delaware:										
1921.....	22	11	17	27	14	6	10	12	15	134
1920.....	41	14	23	21	17	12	5	9	9	151
Dist. of Columbia:										
1921.....	106	131	64	33	31	33	14	9	49	470
Median (8 years).....	63	42	46	44	47	26	19	17	31	335
Florida:										
1921.....	77	73	50	23	22	42	47	52	107	493
Median (1918-1920).....	35	27	26	14	13	19	15	21	60	233
Hawaii:										
1921.....	10	12	17	7	26	22	18	13	12	137
Median (7 years).....	17	15	17	12	11	11	10	10	10	113
Idaho:										
1921.....	17	9	4	5	13	11	8	9	28	104
Average (1913 and 1920).....	1	10	3	3	3	5	4	7	17	53
Illinois:										
1921.....	1,871	1,342	1,332	1,205	1,094	921	745	837	1,606	10,953
Median (6 years).....	1,148	812	1,014	763	752	645	603	498	759	6,994
Indiana:										
1921.....	390	276	247	314	220	165	183	242	870	2,817
Median (8 years).....	341	254	188	148	124	104	122	170	254	1,705
Iowa:										
1921.....	143	138	102	140	92	68	53	.....	281	.....
Median (7 years).....	88	65	51	46	68	46	39	32	59	494
Kansas:										
1921.....	514	393	246	185	142	113	184	235	1,076	2,998
Median (8 years).....	180	87	96	85	72	59	59	59	113	810
Louisiana:										
1921.....	67	72	38	30	34	21	47	32	69	410
Median (7 years).....	84	67	51	52	41	30	44	60	79	508
Maine:										
1921.....	107	56	69	66	33	66	69	33	58	560
Median (5 years).....	28	18	30	19	19	17	17	27	22	197
Maryland:										
1921.....	322	197	174	145	165	137	88	124	149	1,501
Median (6 years).....	226	173	170	98	100	74	79	82	162	1,164
Massachusetts:										
1921.....	965	795	749	678	649	624	441	516	526	5,943
Median (8 years).....	854	679	675	586	581	524	440	407	487	5,233
Michigan:										
1921.....	1,344	993	878	790	729	704	452	631	965	7,489
Median (8 years).....	548	440	425	381	377	361	337	323	409	3,631
Minnesota:										
1921.....	331	257	245	256	242	180	163	204	434	2,312
Median (8 years).....	317	232	253	243	300	227	224	230	234	2,260
Mississippi:										
1921.....	140	95	67	40	32	60	159	310	642	1,545
Median (7 years).....	76	56	40	31	37	35	50	105	166	597
Montana:										
1921.....	42	35	29	27	24	22	14	16	.....	.....
Median (7 years).....	22	24	23	17	19	19	25	15	17	181
Nebraska:										
1921.....	85	56	49	68	90	35	44	85	184	693
Median (1918-1920).....	55	37	45	56	33	27	17	35	96	401
New Jersey:										
1921.....	966	815	790	666	665	548	338	344	434	5,476
Median (8 years).....	624	507	482	454	516	430	364	293	416	4,086
New Mexico:										
1921.....	103	149	177	140	126	71	88	57	.....	.....
1920.....	50	16	42	45	105	45	65	37	45	450

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	Cases reported during—									Total.
	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	
New York:										
1921.....	3,493	3,354	2,887	2,504	2,362	2,260	1,111	1,078	.....	.....
Median (8 years).....	2,113	1,887	1,942	1,780	1,970	1,981	1,347	998	1,117	15,135
North Carolina:										
1921.....	202	122	127	91	72	60	151	585	1,160	2,520
Median (1918-1920).....	83	72	79	91	71	43	65	177	602	1,283
North Dakota:										
1921.....	172	94	66	43	49	29	60	48	52	613
Median (4 years).....	35	37	49	27	22	25	36	29	47	307
Ohio:										
1921.....	1,057	961	663	640	657	560	512	842	2,077	7,978
Median (7 years).....	681	563	590	410	392	361	330	392	709	4,428
Oklahoma:										
1921.....	126	61	56	19	38	20	18	52	176	566
Median (1913, 1915, 1917).....	88	71	56	49	32	15	27	45	82	465
Oregon:										
1921.....	86	173	79	64	48	55	133	80	121	839
Median (8 years).....	27	22	20	19	25	23	13	15	18	182
Pennsylvania:										
1921.....	1,982	1,802	1,729	1,343	1,354	1,132	816	1,142	1,640	12,940
Median (8 years).....	1,524	1,225	1,152	1,027	902	850	780	834	1,327	9,621
Rhode Island:										
1921.....	114	103	114	94	117	47	51	81	57	728
Median (6 years).....	112	108	94	77	86	68	55	54	69	723
South Carolina:										
1921.....	129	122	229	43	69	64	116	275	578	1,625
Median (8 years).....	97	75	70	63	47	48	52	154	329	935
South Dakota:										
1921.....	23	43	45	59	17	25	30	20	59	321
Median (6 years).....	28	14	21	22	15	17	26	23	14	180
Vermont:										
1921.....	19	21	25	27	18	20	22	.....	43	.....
Median (7 years).....	37	17	17	25	18	13	22	20	26	195
Virginia:										
1921.....	439	247	178	93	90	119	216	471	.....	.....
Median (8 years).....	223	147	103	81	67	51	65	181	420	1,338
Washington:										
1921.....	135	118	98	79	99	79	76	53	109	846
Median (8 years).....	64	51	49	44	48	36	35	33	39	399
West Virginia:										
1921.....	263	158	142	100	61	66	92	175	400	1,457
Median (4 years).....	66	56	49	41	43	35	41	68	159	558
Wisconsin:										
1921.....	672	483	333	278	279	203	180	237	320	2,985
Median (8 years).....	237	161	147	159	159	129	137	138	156	1,423
Wyoming:										
1921.....	6	13	10	11	14	2	4	4	19	83
Median (8 years).....	5	8	4	4	1	1	3	1	9	36
Total:										
1921.....	17,885	14,858	13,282	11,312	10,867	9,662	7,532	110,084	.....	.....
Median.....	10,950	8,656	8,699	7,553	7,640	6,845	6,080	5,997	9,176	71,516
Annual rate per 100,000 population:										
1921.....	235	166	174	149	142	127	99	132	.....	.....
Median.....	152	120	121	105	106	95	83	83	128	110

<sup>1</sup> Iowa and Vermont not included.

## DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED OCT. 15, 1921.

*Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Oct. 15, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the Weekly Health Index, Oct. 18, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)*

	Week ended Oct. 15, 1921.	Corresponding week, 1920.
Policies in force.....	47,875,785	44,752,436
Number of death claims.....	6,833	6,841
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force.....	7.4	8.0